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OEXA 82-1166/2
20 April 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: SFRC Briefing on Soviet Involvement in Cuban Military Buildup

1. On Tuesday, 20 April 1982, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC) was briefed on the Cuban Military buildup and Soviet involvement in that buildup. The room S-116, The Capitol, was swept and the briefing monitored. A transcript was taken. The briefing began at 10:12 a.m. and concluded at 12 noon. (U)

2. Briefing the Committee were:



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3. Present from the Committee were:

Jesse Helms (R., NC)	John Glenn (D., OH)
S. I. (Sam) Hayakawa (R., CA)	Claiborne Pell (D., RI)
Richard G. Lugar (R., IN)	Christopher J. Dodd (D., CT)
Nancy L. Kassebaum (R., KS)	
Larry Pressler (R., SD)	
Steven D. Symms (R., ID)	(U)

4. Staff present from the Committee included:

Ed Sanders, Staff Director
Gerry Christianson, Minority Staff Director
Fred Tipson
Diana Smith
Chris Manion
Barry Sklar
Margaret Hayes
Joel Johnson
Chuck Berk
George Murphy (U)

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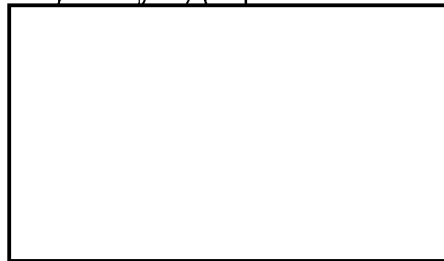
5. The briefing covered the Cuban military buildup and Soviet force involvement in that buildup. Evidence of Cuban support for subversion in Central American countries was discussed. Organization and training of Cuban guerrilla forces was also discussed. In addition, the Committee was interested in any evidence of Soviet involvement in Cuban support for subversion in the hemisphere.

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6. Several questions were asked by the Members, including: a) Is there any evidence of nuclear capability in Cuba? b) Are there any Cuban combat forces in Nicaragua at this time? c) Two DDO-related questions were asked by Senator Pell: 1) When was the last time the U.S. infiltrated Cuban operations? (i.e., paramilitary, military, intelligence, government); 2) What, if any, support do we lend to ex-Sandinista forces in Honduras? The briefers told Senator Pell that this is information they don't handle; that it is operational information. The Senator did not indicate that he would pursue the question.

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7. Follow-up items included: photos of Cuban tank repair base to be provided to Senator Helms and John Glenn. (C)



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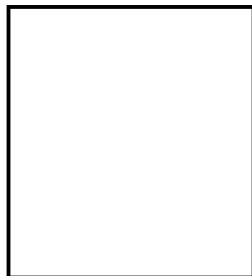
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ALSO ATTENDING:

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Legislative Liaison Officer

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FROM: MDH

SUBJECT: AGENCY BRIEFING REQUEST for 20 April, am

We would like to be briefed on:

- (1) Cuban military buildup and Soviet force involvement and new Soviet equipment involved in that. In particular, is ~~there~~ there any evidence that nuclear weapons-capable equipment is being provided, or that nuclear weapons are presently in Cuba
- (2) Evidence of Cuban support for subversion in El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala or elsewhere in the region. This should be as hard, explicit evidence as possible. It would be particularly useful to discuss Cuban "organization" of guerrilla fronts, Cuban training of guerrillas in Cuba or in Central America. Flow of arms from Cuba to Central America should be addressed explicitly.
- (3) Evidence of Soviet involvement in Cuban support for subversion in the hemisphere.

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